

History 261

History of East Asia: Japan

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Required Texts:

All are available in paperback editions at the Sir George Bookstore and at Classics.

Crowley, Modern East Asia: Essays in Interpretation

Hall, Japan: From Prehistory to Modern Times

Keene, Anthology of Japanese Literature

Tsunoda, Sources of the Japanese Tradition (volumes one and two)

Weekly Reading Assignments:

Each week's assignment is detailed on a separate sheet and consists of three sections:

1. A list of the topics to be discussed that week.
2. A list of required readings for the week.
3. A list by topic of suggested additional readings for those interested in pursuing a subject further.

The additional readings will each be preceded by a symbol.

L- signifies a title in the Sir George Williams University Library.

L* signifies a title on order for the Library.

P signifies a paperback book

(All paperback titles have been ordered by Classics Bookstore)
They should be available in January.)

Individual Reading Program:

Each student is expected to select an aspect of Japanese history or culture in which he will do further reading. Generally four books will be selected. The student should first consult the "additional readings" listed under topics of interest and then consult with the instructor on a final theme and bibliography. An interpretive essay dealing with the theme selected will be due on March 19, 1973.

Examinations

There will be one in class examination at the end of the term.

Week of January 8

Topics:

Geographic Setting
Shinto and Japan's Mythological Origins
Pre- and Proto-Historical Periods

Required Readings:

Hall, 1-34
Tsunoda, I, 1-33

Additional Readings

I. Geographic Setting

Hall and Beardsley, Twelve Doors to Japan
Chapter 1, "A Geographic Profile of Japan"

Trewartha, Glenn T., Japan: Physical, Cultural and Regional Geography

II. Shinto and Japan's Mythological Origins

Chamberlain Basil (tr.), Kojiki Beardsley's Ancient Matters
(translation of the oldest Japanese historical records)

Aston, Wm. G. (tr.) Nihongi: Chronicles of Japan From the Earliest Times to A.D. 697

Holten, Daniel C., The National Faith of Japan

Muraoka Tsunetsugu, Studies in Shinto Thought

III. Pre- and Proto-Historical Period

Beardsley, Richard K., "Japan Before History"
Far Eastern Quarterly XIV no. 3 (1955), 317-46

Kidder, Jonathan E., Japan Before Buddhism

Kidder, Jonathan E., The Birth of Japanese Art

Week of January 15

Topics

Yamato Period (c. 400-645 A.D.)
Taika Reform (645-710)
Nara Period (710-794)

Required Readings

Hall, 35-61
Tsunoda, 134-140, 180-188
Keene, 33-60

Additional Readings and Study Aids

I. Yamato Period

Hall, J.W. Government and Local Power in Japan, 500-1700
(pp. 3-44)

II. Taika Reform

Asakawa, K. The Early Institutional Life of Japan: A Study in the Reform of 645 A.D.

Hall, Government and Local Power in Japan, 500-1700 (pp. 45-65)

Sansom, George B. "Early Japanese Law and Administration",
Transactions of the Asiatic Society of Japan, 2d series,
* (1932), 67-110; XI (1934), 117-50.

III. Nara Period

The Manyōshū. (New York: Columbia University Press)

Week of January 22

Topic

Heian Period (794-1185)

Required Readings

Hall, 61-74
Tsunoda I, 109-180
Keene, 63-176

Additional Readings

- McCullough, Helen C., (tr.) Tales of Ise
- Miner, Earl (tr.) Japanese Poetic Diaries
- Morris, Ivan (tr.) The Gossamer Years: Bridge of Dreams
- Morris, Ivan The World of the Shining Prince
- Morris, Ivan (tr.) The Pillowbook of Sei Shonagon
- Murasaki, Shikibu The Tale of Genji (trans. Arthur Waley)
- Reischauer, Edwin O. Ennin's Travels in Tang China
- Reischauer, Edwin O. Ennin's Diary: The Record of a Pilgrimage to China in Search of the Law
- Seidensticker, Edward (tr.) The Gossamer Years

Week of January 29

Topic

Kamakura Period, 1185-1333

Required Readings

Hall, 75-102
Tsunoda I, 181-250
Keene, 179-228

Additional Readings

Anesaki Masaharu, Nichiren: The Buddhist Prophet
Asakawa, Kan'ichi. Land and Society in Medieval Japan
Bloom, Alfred. Shinran's Gospel of Pure Grace
Dumolin, Heinrich. A History of Zen Buddhism
Duus, Peter. Feudalism in Japan
Hall, John W. "Feudalism in Japan: A Reassessment"
in Hall and Jansen, Studies in the Institutional History of
Early Modern Japan
Sadler, Arthur L. (tr.). "Heike Monogatari,"
Transactions of the Asiatic Society of Japan
1st series, XLVI, (1918), 1-278; XLIX (1921), 1-354.
(translation of a medieval war tale)
Shinoda, Minoru. The Founding of The Kamakura Shogunate, 1180-1185
Reischauer, E.O. "Japanese Feudalism" in
Rushton Coulburn (ed.) Feudalism in History
Varley, H. Paul Samurai
Warner, Langdon. The Enduring Art of Japan

Week of February 5

Topic

Ashikaga Period, 1336-1573

Required Readings

Hall, 702-141
Tsunoda I, 250-297
Keene, 231-331

Additional Readings

Dumolin, A History of Zen Buddhism (Chapter II)

Hall, "Foundations of the Modern Japanese Daimyo"
in Hall and Jansen, Studies in the Institutional History of
Early Modern Japan, pp. 65-77.

Hall, "The Castle Town and Japan's Modern Urbanization"
in Hall and Jansen, Studies in the Institutional History of
Early Modern Japan, pp.167-188.

Keene, Donald (tr.). Essays in Idleness: The Tsurezuregusa of Kenko

Keene, Donald. No, The Classical Theatre of Japan

Keene, Donald. 20 Plays of the No Theatre

McCullough, Helen. The Taiheiki

Varley, H/ Paul, The Onin War

Wang, I-t'ung. Official Relations Between China and Japan, 1368-1549

Week of February 12Topics

Period of Unification, 1573-1600
Establishment of Tokugawa Shogunate
Tokugawa Period: Economic and Cultural Developments

Required Readings

Hall, 142-232
Tsunoda I, 298-334
Crowley, 62-94

Additional Readings

I. Period of Unification, 1573-1600

Boxer, Charles R. The Christian Century in Japan
Cooper, Michael. They Came to Japan
Hall and Jansen (eds.), Studies in the Institutional History of Early Modern Japan
Kondo, Ichitaro. Japanese Genre Painting: The Lively Art of Renaissance Japan. Translated by Roy Andrew Miller
Kuno Yoshisaburo. Japanese Expansion on the Asiatic Continent, pp. volume I. 129-78.

II. Establishment of Tokugawa Shogunate

Boxer, The Christian Century in Japan
Hall, John W. Tanuma Okitsugu (1719-1788): Forerunner of Modern Japan pp. 21-33
Hall, Government and Local Power in Japan, 500-1700, Chapter 12, pp3 330-74
Totman, Conrad D. Politics in the Tokugawa Bakufu, 1600-1843

III. Tokugawa Period: Economic and Cultural Developments

Bellah, Robert N. Tokugawa Religion
Boxer, Charles R. Jan Campagne in Japan, 1600-1850
Ernst, Earle. The Kabuki Theatre
Henderson, Harold G. An Introduction to Haiku
Hibbett, Howard S. The Floating World in Japanese Fiction

Week of February 12 continued

Ihara Saikaku. The Life of an Amorous Woman and Other Writings.
edited and translated by Ivan Morris.

Keene, Donald. Bunraku: The Art of the Japanese Puppet Theatre

Keene, Donald (tr.). Major Plays of Chikamatsu

Keene, Donald. The Japanese Discovery of Europe: Honda Toshiaki
and Other Discoverers, 1720-1798.

McEwan, J.R. The Political Writings of Ogyu Sorai

Michener, James A. The Floating World

Sheldon, Charles D. The Rise of the Merchant Class in Tokugawa
Japan, 1600-1868: An Introductory Survey

Smith, Thomas C. The Agrarian Origins of Modern Japan

Week of February 19Topics

Decline and Destruction of the Tokugawa System
Meiji Restoration

Required Readings

Hall, 233-284
Tsunoda II, 47-115; 131-147
Crowley, 95-121

Additional Readings

I. Decline and Destruction of the Tokugawa System

- Beasley, Wm. G. Selected Documents on Japanese Foreign Policy, 1853-1868
introductory section, 1-93.
- Craig, Albert M. Choshu in the Meiji Restoration
- Dore, R.P. Education in Tokugawa Japan
- Earl, David M. Emperor and Nation in Japan, Part Two, 107-210
- Hall, Tanuma Okitsugu (1719-1788): Forerunner of Modern Japan
- Harootunian, H.D. Toward Restoration
- Harris, Townsend. The Complete Journal of Townsend Harris, First
American Consul and Minister to Japan
- Jansen, Marius B. (ed.). Changing Japanese Attitudes Toward
Modernization
- Jansen, Marius B. Sakamoto Ryoma and the Meiji Restoration
- Sakata Yoshio and John W. Hall. "The Motivation of Political
Leadership in the Meiji Restoration," Journal of Asian
Studies, XVI, no. 1 (1956), 31-50.
- Webb, Herschel. The Japanese Imperial Institution in the Tokugawa Period

II. Meiji Restoration

- Hall, John W. "A Monarch for Modern Japan" in Robert E. Ward
(ed.), Political Development in Modern Japan
- Ike, Nobutaka. The Beginnings of Political Democracy in Japan. Part One, 3-43
- Jansen, Changing Japanese Attitudes Toward Modernization.
John W. Hall, "Changing Conceptions of the Modernization of Japan,"
7-41. Marius B. Jansen, "Changing Japanese Attitudes Toward
Modernization," 43-89.
- Norman, E. Herbert. Japan's Emergence as a Modern State., pp. 3-103.
- Sansom, G.B. The Western World and Japan.

Week of February 26Topics

Foreign Relations in the Early Meiji Period
Opposition to the Meiji Oligarchy
Early Modernization and Industrialization
Religion, Education and the Impact of Western Culture

Required Readings

Hall, 285-293
Tsunoda II, 147-55; 116-130
Crowley, 122-150

Additional Readings

I. Foreign Relations in the Meiji Period

Conroy, Francis Hilary. The Japanese Seizure of Korea, 1868-1910
Harrison, John A. Japan's Northern Frontier
Jansen, Marius B., "Modernization and Foreign Policy in Meiji Japan" in Ward (ed.), Political Development in Modern Japan, pp. 149-88.
Lensen, George A. The Russian Push Toward Japan

II. Opposition to the Meiji Oligarchy

Akita, George. Foundations of Constitutional Government in Modern Japan, 1868-1900
Pittau, Joseph. Political Thought in Early Meiji Japan, 1868-1889.
Scalapino, Robert A. Democracy and the Party Movement in Pre-war Japan

III. Early Modernization and Industrialization

Allen, G.C. A Short Economic History of Modern Japan, 1867-1937
Hall and Beardsley, Twelve Doors to Japan. John W. Hall,
Hall and Beardsley, Twelve Doors to Japan. John W. Hall,
"Aspects of Japanese Economic Development," pp. 538-86.
Lockwood, William W. The Economic Development of Japan; Growth and Structural Change, 1868-1938
Lockwood, William W. (ed.) The State and Economic Enterprise in Japan
Smith, Thomas C. Political Change and Industrial Development in Japan: Government Enterprise, 1868-1880

IV. Religion, Education and the Impact of Western Culture

Blacker, Carmen. The Japanese Enlightenment: A Study of the Writings

Week of February 26 continued:

IV. Religion, Education, and the Impact of Western Culture

Blacker, Carmen. The Japanese Enlightenment: A Study of the Writings of Fukuzawa Yukichi

Graig, Albert M., "Fukuzawa Yukichi: The Philosophical Foundations of Meiji Nationalism" in Ward (ed.), Political Development in Modern Japan

Hall and Beardsley, Twelve Doors to Japan. John W. Hall, "Education and Modern National Development," 384-426.

Jansen, Changing Japanese Attitudes Toward Modernization. Donald H. Shively, "Nishimura Shigeki: A Confucian View of Modernization," 193-241; John F. Howes, "Japanese Christians and American Missionaries," 337-68; Shuichi Kato, "Japanese Writers and Modernization," 425-45; Herbert Passin, "Modernization and the Japanese Intellectual: Some Comparative Observations," 447-87.

Kiyooka, Eichi (tr.). The Autobiography of Yukichi Fukuzawa

Passin, Herbert. Society and Education in Japan

Pyle, Kenneth B. The New Generation in Meiji Japan: Problems of Cultural Identity, 1885-1895

Sansom, The Western World and Japan. Chapters 14 and 15

Scheiner, Irwin. Christian Converts and Social Protest in Meiji Japan

Shively, Donald H., "Motoda Eifu: Confucian Lecturer to the Meiji Emperor" in David S. Nivison and Arthur F. Wright (eds.), Confucianism in Action

Shively, Donald (ed.). Tradition and Modernization in Japanese Culture

Week of March 5Topics

Founding of Constitutional Government
Treaty Revision and Overseas Expansion
Oligarchic Leadership of Political Parties

Required Readings

Hall, 294-307
Tsunoda II. 155-220;

Additional Readings

I. Founding of Constitutional Government

Hackett, Roger F., "Political Modernization and the Meiji Genro"
in Ward (ed.), Political Development in Modern Japan, 65-97.

Lineberger, Paul M.A., Djang Chu, and Ardath W. Burks. Far Eastern
Government and Politics. Chapters 16 and 17.

Miller, Frank O. Minobe Tatsukichi: Interpreter of Constitutionalism
in Japan

Scalapino, Democracy and the Party Movement in Prewar Japan.
chapters 2-4.

II. Treaty Revision and Overseas Expansion

Conroy, The Japanese Seizure of Korea, 1868-1910

Jones, Francis C. Extraterritoriality in Japan and the Diplomatic
Relations Resulting in Its Abolition, 1853-1899

Langer, William L. The Diplomacy of Imperialism, 1890-1902

Lee, Chong-sik. The Politics of Korean Nationalism

Nish, Ian H. The Anglo-Japanese Alliance: The Diplomacy of Two
Island Empires, 1894-1907

Okamoto, Shumpei. The Japanese Oligarchy and the Russo-Japanese War

III. Oligarchic Leadership of Political Parties

Hackett, Roger F. Yamagata Aritomo in the Rise of Modern Japan, 1838-1922

Najita, Tetsuo. Hara Kei in the Politics of Compromise, 1905-1915

Scalapino, Democracy and the Party Movement in Prewar Japan, Chapter 5

Week of March 12

Taisho Democracy

The Left Wing in Japanese Politics: Division and Suppression
Foreign Policy in the 1920s

Required Readings

Hall, 308-324

Tsunoda II, 211-256; 299-337

Crowley, 180-206

Additional Readings

I. Taisho Democracy

Duns, Peter. Party Rivalry and Political Change in Taisho Japan

II. The Left Wing in Japanese Politics: Division and Suppression

Jansen, Marius B. "Oi Kentaro's Radicalism and Chauvinism,"
Far Eastern Quarterly, XI, no. 3 (1952), 305-16.Kublin, Hyman. Asian Revolutionary: The Life of Sen KatayamaNotehelfer, F. G. Kotoku Shusui. Portrait of a Japanese RadicalScalapino, Democracy and the Party Movement in Prewar Japan. Chapter 8.Totten, George O. The Social Democratic Movement in Prewar Japan

III. Foreign Policy in the 1920s

Crowley, James B. Japan's Quest for AutonomyIriye, Akira. After Imperialism: The Search for a New Order in the
Far East, 1921-1931

Week of March 19Topics

Growth of the Right Wing: Emperor-Centered Nationalism and Military Activism
 World Depression and Military Adventurism on the Continent
 Period of Terrorism, Conspiracy, and Assassination, May 1932-February 1936
 The Pacific War, 1937-1945

Required Readings

Hall, 325-348
 Tsunoda II. 252-298
 Crowley, 235-264

Additional Readings

I. Growth of the Right Wing: Emperor-Centered Nationalism and Military Activism

Brown, Delmer M. Nationalism in Japan
 Jansen, Marius B. The Japanese and Sun Yat-sen
 Maruyama Masao. Thought and Behavior in Modern Japanese Politics.
 Storry, Richard. The Double Patriots, Chapters 1-3
 Wilson, George M. Radical Nationalist in Japan: Kita Ikki, 1883-1937

II. World Depression and Military Adventurism on the Continent

Ogata, Sadako N. Defiance in Manchuria: The Making of Japanese Foreign Policy, 1931-1932
 Storry, The Double Patriots, Chapter 4.

III. Period of Terrorism, Conspiracy, and Assassination, May 1932-February 1936

Crowley, Japan's Quest for Autonomy
 Hall, Robert K. (ed.). Kokutai no Hongi: Cardinal Principles of National Entity of Japan
 Miller, Minobe Tatsukichi: Interpreter of Constitutionalism in Japan.
 Schumpeter, E.B. (ed.). The Industrialization of Japan and Manchukuo 1930-1940
 Storry, The Double Patriots, 96-191.

IV. The Pacific War, 1937-1945

Butow, Robert J.C. Japan's Decision To Surrender
 Butow, Robert J.C. Tojo and the Coming of the War
 Feis, Herbert. The Atomic Bomb and the End of World War II
 Feis, Herbert. The Road to Pearl Harbor
 Jones, F.C. Japan's New Order in East Asia

Week of March 26Topics

Defeat and Occupation, 1945-1952
Independence and Economic Prosperity

Required Readings

Hall, 349-357
Tsunoda II. 338-399
Crowley, 298-336

Additional Readings

I. Defeat and Occupation, 1945-1952

Dore, Ronald P. Land Reform in Japan
Kawai, Kazuo. Japan's American Interlude
Passin, Herbert (ed.). The United States and Japan

II. Independence and Economic Prosperity

Allen, G.C. Japan's Economic Expansion
Dore, R.P. (ed.). Aspects of Social Change in Modern Japan
Dore, R.P. City Life in Japan: A Study of a Tokyo Ward
Lockwood, The State and Economic Enterprise in Japan. Part Three,
"Growth, Stability, and Welfare in Japan Today"
Morris, Ivan I. Nationalism and the Right Wing in Japan: A
Study of Post-war Trends
Nakane, Chie. Japanese Society
Packard, George R. Protest in Tokyo: The Security Crisis of 1960
Passin, The United States and Japan.
Scalapino, Robert A. The Japanese Communist Movement, 1920-1966
Scalapino, Robert A., "The United States and Japan" in
Willard L. Thorp (ed.), The United States and the Far East
Scalapino, Robert A., and Junnosuke Masumi. Parties and Politics
in Contemporary Japan
Thayer, Nathaniel B. How the Conservatives Rule Japan
Thomsen, Harry. The New Religions of Japan
Vogel, Ezra F. Japan's New Middle Class: The Salary Man and His
Family in a Tokyo Suburb